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that and that will not help me with Bryan. It will not help me And I don't like to feel like I'm having with Bryan Memorial. to replay the election that we had in May that, more or less, got rid of the issue in the city of Lincoln. So I just wanted to state those things so you understand where I'm coming from. And I'm trying to keep my sense of humor about the bill because originally, as I say, it was just a simple little bill with one thing in it. Now it has a lot of things in it, and a lot of elements that may or may not be good. Some of them probably Some of them probably are not. But we must, I think, keep our balance and our outlook here that we want to be sure that all the hospitals, all the health care units, long-term, everything, in the city of ... in the state of Nebraska come out. If we do something about cert_ficate-of-need, then it should be fair to everybody. I don't think that one group should be...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...treated unfairly. So you see what I'm up against right now. I'm really having a hard time with the amendment that delays the repeal of certificate-of-need. I don't know how I can go along with all that, but I'm waiting to see how it unfolds. I will not go for this amendment. (AM)1989 is a different story. I will try and see if that one eventually comes in different form. I'll see if I can support it. I know there are other people interested in different phases of health care that have to go through certificate-of-need now. So, I haven't said a whole lot here. I just want you to know that I don't know how I'm going to vote, even at the end now, if these things remain like...as they are now. Thank you.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wesely. That won't be necessary, Senator Wesely, yours is the last light. Senator Witek, to close on AM1437.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, this has been a learning experience on this bill. It's funny how you can have the votes to move something, plenty of support, and not be able to get to it. I understand that I cannot amend amendment 1437, and I'm not quite sure why that should be so, but it is the Chair's decision, and I was not able to overrule the Chair. But I think people should take note that should that happen at a later date, that we have